

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicant notes with appreciation the courtesy of a personal interview extended by Examiners Julio Perez and Eliseo Ramos to Applicant's representative, Chien Yuan. The personal interview was conducted on September 21, 2004.

Claims 15-63 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 15, 17, 19-22, 26, 27, 33-37 are amended, and claims 40-63 are added, by the present amendment. Applicant respectfully submit that support for these claim amendments is self-evident from Applicant's disclosure as originally filed, including the figures and claims. Thus, no new subject matter is introduced by the foregoing amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 15-18, 21-25, 28-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Park (U.S. Patent No. 5,627,549). Also, claims 19, 20, 26, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Park.

At the personal interview, Examiners Perez and Ramos agreed with Applicant's representative that features incorporated into the claims by the foregoing amendment appear to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

For example, amended claim 15 recites a mobile device that includes, among other features, a communications module configured to transmit data from the mobile device to a service center based on the location specific information. Referring to the non-limiting example shown in Applicant's Figure 2, a mobile device 3 includes a communications module 34, which is configured to transmit data (e.g., a request for additional information) from the mobile device 3 based on location specific information. As discussed in the personal interview, the device 40 of Park does not include a communications module that is configured to transmit data from the device 40 based on location specific information.

Rather, the device 40 of Park is configured to only receive data, e.g., according to a Gaskill paging system, not to transmit data. As such, Park fails to anticipate amended claim 15.

Further, amended claim 22 is drawn to a method including, among other features, transmitting data from the mobile device based on the location-specific information. As discussed above with respect to amended claim 15, Park does not depict the transmitting of data from the device 40 and, therefore, fails to anticipate amended claim 22.

In addition, amended claim 33 recites a portable mobile device that includes, among other features, a portable housing configured to support the receiver, the position locating unit, and the processor. Referring to the non-limiting example illustrated in Applicant's Figure 1, the mobile device 3 is arranged as a portable device including a portable housing.¹ The device 40 of Park, in contrast, does not include a portable housing that is configured to support a receiver, a position locating unit, and a processor. Instead, the device 40 is fixedly mounted to a dashboard of an automobile.² Therefore, Park fails to anticipate amended claim 33.

Also, amended claim 36 is directed to a portable mobile device that includes, among other features, a portable housing configured to support the receiver, the means for determining, and the means for filtering. As discussed above with respect to amended claim 33, Park does not describe the device 40 as including a portable housing and, therefore, fails to anticipate amended claim 36.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons identified above and discussed in the personal interview, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 15, 22, 33, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Moreover, for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicant submits that all claims depending from amended claims 15, 22, 33, and 36 are also patentable.

¹ See also Applicant's specification at page 2, lines 1 and 2; and at page 10, lines 25-27.

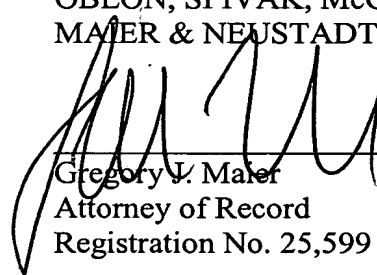
² See, e.g., Park at Figure 3 and at col. 5, lines 55-57.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 57 also patentably defines over Park. For example, new claim 57 recites a method for obtaining information specific to a location of a portable device, including, among other features, inserting into the portable device a removable memory unit including a user profile. Referring to the non-limiting example illustrated in Applicant's Figure 1, the mobile device 3 is configured to receive a removable chipcard 33. Park, in contrast to amended claim 57, does not depict the inserting of a removable memory unit into, for example, the device 40. As such, new claim 57 and its dependent claims also patentably define over Park.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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